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Memorandum

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To: Ecosystem Roundtable Members

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Subject: Policy for Organizations Represented on Roundtable as Applicants/Participants in Proposals

At the May 18, 1999 Ecosystem Roundtable meeting, a conflict of interest policy for Ecosystem Roundtable members relative to the participation in ecosystem restoration proposals and potential receipt of funds was considered. The members were unable to reach consensus on this issue and the discussion was tabled.

During the development of the Ecosystem Roundtable, policy discussions were held regarding both legal and perceived conflict of interest for individuals and organizations represented on the Ecosystem Roundtable. The minutes for the May 9, 1997 meeting of the Ecosystem Roundtable indicate that the Roundtable members reached a general agreement "that member organizations not apply for Category III funds in part due to the perceived conflict of interest." (See minutes of May 7, 1997 Ecosystem Roundtable meeting, page 7, attached hereto). The intent of the agreement appears to be to protect against perceptions of "insider baseball" in the PSP process. In other words, Ecosystem Roundtable members appear to have been sensitive to the perception that Roundtable-represented organizations would be making decisions about funding proposals that they have submitted. This policy was never finalized.

CALFED requests the Ecosystem Roundtable's input on whether it wishes in the future to limit Roundtable-represented organizations from:

CALFED Agencies

California The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Food and Agriculture

Federal Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Geological Survey
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Forest Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
Western Area Power Administration

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- competing for funds in a future PSP as an applicant;
- participating/collaborating in a proposal submitted by a non-Roundtable applicant in a future PSP;
- otherwise endorsing a proposal submitted by a non-Roundtable applicant in a future PSP.

Attachment